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WORCESTER NEEDS A CANAL.

The Worcester Telegram addresses to its "affirmation that 'the heart of Massachusetts' needs a waterway to the ocean, and that waterway, as we know it by way of the Quinebaug, Shetucket and Thames rivers to the south; and Norwich can find no cause for doing other than seconding the motion, for it would be pleasant to see canal boats and light draught steamers, to say nothing of houseboats passing 'the Rose of New England' bound for the heart of Massachusetts. This is what the Telegram has to say upon the subject:

"When the waterways men meet in Providence the last of the month they should not forget that Worcester needs a canal to annex it to the sea shore. Since it was enlarged for business in 1859 the Sagitt Sea. Marie canal has taken care of a traffic that has increased by 125 per cent. Last year 57,896,149 tons of freight passed through the canal, and 94 per cent of that was carried in American vessels. We can attend to the shipping when we make up our minds to do it, regardless of subsidies. The growth of shipping through the canal will make Americans take to the oceans with their own ships in the course of time. Worcester will want a line of steamers connecting it with Europe when it gets that canal through Connecticut."

LOOKING FOR THE REAL DUST BINDER.

While plenty of automobilizing individuals appear to know the dust binder that binds, the men who have public roads under their supervision have not yet found out which of the 250 dust binders on the market are the real thing.

The Massachusetts highway association is still looking for the most satisfactory dust binder, and that implies, of course, which will do most work for least money, and the other day they visited Newton and from Newton they went to Watertown and inspected four or five different pieces of road that have been treated with tar and oil. In Watertown they saw the effect of oil emulsion, and then, returning to Newton, drove over various pieces of treated road on the way to Wellesley. That town has made some interesting experiments with preparations of tar and asphalt oil. Returning from Wellesley to Newton they passed over a number of streets having bituminous binders of various kinds and then went to Brookline where town and park roads were inspected. It will be interesting to note what their opinion is later.

State Highway Commissioner McDonald while abroad will visit some of the famous roads in Europe, some of which are being torn up by speed maniacs, and he will also have a chance to learn at Brussels from the world's authorities what in their opinion makes the best roads and the best dust binders.

THE BRITISH PARCELS POST.

The consul general of the United States at London gives information concerning the growth and importance of the parcel post system in the United Kingdom, to show that such a post would be no detriment to this country. He says:

"The parcels post business transacted through the British postoffice in 1909 was as follows: Parcels forwarded, 2,808,051, of which 211,629 were insured; parcels received, 1,634,042, of which 140,782 were insured; 4,342,093, and insured, 49,732 over the preceding year, and an increase of 15,237 parcels insured."

The following statement shows the value of the goods exported from and imported into the United Kingdom by parcels post during the past three calendar years:

| Parcels | 1907 | 1908 | 1909 |
|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Exported | \$12,775,289 | \$18,885,715 | \$25,185,626 |
| Imported | 7,114,224 | 7,114,224 | 7,114,224 |
| Totals | \$20,449,583 | \$25,999,939 | \$32,299,850 |

"There has been a very great growth in the number of parcels sent from the United Kingdom to the United States by reason of the revision of the rates of postage and the increase in the maximum weight from 4 pounds to 11 pounds. The British postmaster general states that 'more recent figures show that there has been a very large increase in the outward and a moderate one in the inward parcels. It is probable that the establishment of the service has been of some use in small articles which can conveniently be sent by post.'"

"What is known as an insured box post was established on January 1, 1908, between the United Kingdom and France and Belgium. It has since been extended to Holland and Germany, and will probably, in the rather immediate future, be made to include other Continental countries. The insured box post is intended for the conveyance of articles of gold and silver (except coins), precious stones, jewelry and valuable articles of a like nature which cannot be forwarded in insured letters and which cannot be conveniently sent as parcels."

"There is also a system of insured letters in this country. The maximum amount for a letter can be insured is \$1.50. It is estimated that during 1909 13,370 insured letters were sent to places abroad against 11,905 in 1908, while the estimated number received from places abroad was 61,555, against 59,491 in the previous year."

Such a post would be of great advantage to the American people and it would greatly increase the income of the postoffice department.

THEY WILL LOSE THEIR LICENSES.

The commissioners of Worcester county are determined that the saloon treating habit shall come to an end, and that the invitation from behind the bar to "have another drink of the house" shall be forever silenced. The liquor dealers were given notice that this practice of inviting men to drink inordinately should cease forever, and that no liquor should be served over the bar that was not regularly called and fully paid for.

The commissioners explain that treating greatly increases drunkenness. When an imbibor receives a "foaming" chaser from the "house" gratified as he is, he buys three or four more drinks to show his appreciation, and shortly afterward requires a ride to the police station in a patrol wagon. The commissioners called in seven offenders the other day charged with keeping up the practice, and they did not deny the allegation, but said that they took the warning of the commissioners as a joke. They were told that it was no joke and that a repetition would cause them all to lose their licenses—that the call to "drink on the house" must permanently cease.

RELIGIOUS EQUALITY.

It is somewhat surprising that King Alfonso should have come out for religious equality in Spain when there are so few people in the country of other than the Catholic faith. The Catholic population of Spain is 20,000,000, the Protestants numbering about 7,000. Jews about 4,000 and other non-Catholics, 19,000. The nation, by the requirements of the constitution, supports the clergy and the buildings of the church, making an annual appropriation of \$3,200,000 for the purpose. The religious orders have had a great influence as history shows. They conduct schools and many of them possess highly prosperous estates. Of the 3,253 orders more than 2,500 are for women.

The action of King Alfonso, which has brought about a crisis in Spain and now threatens revolution, was the signing of a decree which fixes a limit to the number of these religious orders and places all the denominations, Catholic, Protestant or Jewish, upon the same level in the sight of the law.

The bishop of Madrid denounces the decree as an "actual infraction of the constitution." Premier Canalejas, who persuaded King Alfonso to take this step, answered the bishop of Madrid as follows: "I wish to speak in very plain terms. Never shall a foreign influence force the hands of this government. Never shall the power of the church in this country assert itself above the power of the state. I see a religious element in Spain which is inclined to invade a sphere with which it has nothing to do. . . . I have violated neither the constitution nor the vatican nor the constitution of my country. There are moments in life when a decisive step has to be taken. This moment has come for Spain, and we are taking a course which is the only one possible."

It is not strange that there is considerable commotion and now and then a violent demonstration; but it is plain enough that Spain will now suffer because of this change.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Honolulu has just been put to the test and went wet by a big majority.

Happy thought for to-day—thinking twice and not acting once is too common.

Lawrence did not get its mayor in jail till the city was completely bankrupted.

Texas is calling loudest for postal savings banks, with Pennsylvania for a good second.

Senator Crane may be the official scold of the administration, but he will not show his badge.

The fact that they are having exciting times in Kansas is not news. That is perfectly natural to the state.

Oklahoma thinks that the negro has no rights the white man is bound to respect. Poor beginning for a new state.

The fact that Sarah Bernhardt has become a great-grandmother does not decrease her popularity on the stage.

This is the Toledo Blade's idea of a sensible prayer: "Lord help us to be decent, and don't let us make you tired!"

Taft not only is having the time of his life in the pie belt, but he has turned his belt to make room for the pie.

The state department at Washington gives notice that Charlton is extraditable. Perhaps in the same old way.

Now that the net of fate covers the entire earth the big criminals have but one refuge and that is the cyclone cellar.

Attention is called to the fact that a New York financier was indicted and married the same day. That didn't freeze him.

The western candidate for congress who presented 37 reasons for withdrawing from the canvass is told that the same old reason would have been sufficient.

It may be all right to find fault with the new \$1,000 bill, but on general principles the people would like to see the bill before they back the complainants.

After having charged Vice-President Sherman with graft in Sunday baseball audiences will get their attention if he can work enough baseball lingo into them. Otherwise the scheme is hopeless.

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Woman in Life and in the Kitchen

CONCERNING WOMEN.

Miss Alice Longfellow, a daughter of the poet, has been elected vice president of the recently organized Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. The object of the organization is the preservation of buildings and sites of historical interest.

Mrs. Maria W. Coronel de Dominguez is said to be the only elected vice president of her sex in Mexico. She recently perfected all arrangements for the construction of a railroad from Oaxaca to the port of Salina Cruz on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, with a branch line to Puerto Angel on the Pacific coast.

There is a good deal of beautiful china at Balmoral, one of the most interesting sets being a Sevres dessert service, which is rich with scenes of highland life and sport by Landseer. This placed in a cabinet in the blue drawing room, the windows of which command a most beautiful view. The late Queen Victoria was one of Landseer's warmest admirers and purchased many of his works.

Elizabeth Hirsch has been elected vice president of the city council of Liegnitz, Germany. She is the first woman to occupy that office and was chosen because of her ability as a business woman. Several years ago her husband died and she inherited his large manufacturing business. She assumed the charge of the business, stepping at once into her husband's place. Under her management the business has prospered.

FASHIONS AND FADS.

Entire gowns of the all-over beaded jet are to be seen.

Read fringes, matching the costume are seen on smart gowns.

The very latest scarfs of Spanish lace are almost like a mantilla.

Flat jeweled collars are worn at the base of the neck now; the high dog collars are not seen.

One sees many plumed picture hats; also chapeaux showing net, silk, wings and novel embroideries.

Bathing suits are made in princess style and in the semi-princess, which is better liked by most women.

All bathing suits that are fashionable are made of mohair, taffeta, satin, lousine or (occasionally) of fur.

Perhaps the greatest novelty of all in shoes is the Panama pump, made from straw. Pumps of this material have leather tips and collars.

The chandelier madness has even struck the evening scarfs and some of the latest models are shown with rosettes and feather designs.

To Get Rid of Mice.

Mix oatmeal or flour into a thick paste with oil of amber and ox gall in equal parts.

Make it into little balls and lay them in the middle of the infested apartment, surrounding them with shallow vessels of water.

This preparation occasions intolerable thirst, and the mice will frequently drink until they die on the spot.

Crisp Molasses Cookies.

Heat one-half cup of molasses to the boiling point and add one and one-half tablespoons of butter, one and one-half tablespoons lard, one-fourth cup sugar and one tablespoon of milk. Mix and sift two cups of flour, one-half spoon soda, one-half teaspoon salt, one-half teaspoon clove, one-half teaspoon cinnamon and one-half teaspoon of nutmeg. Add to first mixture and chill thoroughly. Toss one-fourth of the mixture on a floured board and roll thinly as possible, shape with a cookie cutter, first dipped in flour, place near together on a buttered sheet and bake in a moderate oven.

Merry Widow Pudding.

One small pineapple peeled and cut up fine, three bananas sliced, two oranges peeled and cut up fine, a large cup of strawberries, raspberries or blackberries. Put a layer of bananas in your dish and sweeten. Then orange and berries and last pineapple. Sweeten each layer. Alternate the layers until your dish is full. Let stand about two hours and serve in individual dishes with a spoonful of whipped cream on each. Enough for six people.

German Potato Salad.

Boil six large potatoes until tender, but not so they will crumble. While hot, cut into thin slices and mix carefully with two white onions, one cucumber, one green pepper, a small piece of Spanish red pepper, radishes, all sliced thinly. Season with salt and pepper and white hot mix with the following dressing:

One-quarter pound bacon cut into small pieces, one-quarter cup water, one-quarter cup vinegar, one-quarter cup oil, one-half teaspoon salt, one-half dash of cayenne. Fry the bacon slowly until it is brown, then pour over both the bacon and the fat that has been tried out the vinegar, to which has been added the water. Mix the sugar, mustard, salt and pepper, and add this mixture to the dressing. Cook until the sugar is dissolved and while this dressing is hot pour it over the potatoes. Heap on a platter and around the sides of the dish serve any of the German sausages and garnish the sides and top of the salad with radishes cut like roses.

Cranberry Sherbet.

Add one quart of water to one pint of washed and picked over cranberries, and let them boil briskly until the berries break. Rub through a sieve and measure. To three pints (add a little water if needed to make the required amount) put one pound of sugar and stir over the fire until the sugar is thoroughly dissolved. The fire and stir in one teaspoonful of granulated gelatin that has been soaked in one-half cup of cold water. Strain and when cool freeze to a thick mush. Serve in sherbet glasses after the meat course, never with it.

Carpet Sweeper Brush.

It is an excellent plan to dip the brush of the carpet sweeper in kerosene once in six weeks. Not only will this treatment assist in laying the dust when sweeping, but it will keep the sweeper itself in better condition.

FROZEN DESSERTS.

If the recipe for ice cream calls for fruit or nuts, do not add them to the mixture at the outset, but when the cream is partially frozen and the freezer is opened stir the fruit or nuts into the mixture. This rule followed, the dessert will be smoother.

In making a parfait, it is well to stand the bowl of beaten eggs in a pan of cold salt water, before pouring on the boiling syrup. Take care not to let the mixture and egg mixture to the whipped cream until it is quite cold.

An ice clipper is quite essential in making ice cream or other frozen desserts. The finer the ice, the better the cream can be packed. It is a good plan to mix the ice and salt well before packing the freezer, allowing a third as much salt as there is ice.

Newspapers will be found very helpful to pack around the freezer to exclude the air and they are as useful as widely as the customary carpet.

In making frozen desserts remember that parfaits are richer than ice cream, so that less is necessary. A quart is usually counted as a generous measure for six persons. To freeze a quart or even three pints, an eight inch cube of ice will be found ample.

If the salt and water left in a freezer be drained, the salt may be dried

and used again. Always scald the can of the freezer after using, and leave it uncovered when not in use.

Coffee Walnut Ice Cream.

For the ice cream put a pint of milk on the stove in the double boiler. When it is almost at the boiling degree add a cupful of coarsely ground Mocha coffee. Let it infuse twenty minutes; then strain it on three eggs well beaten in the mixture bowl with half a pound of sugar. Put this mixture aside until it is cold. Then add a pint of cream and six ounces of shell walnut, chopped fine, and a tablespoonful of vanilla extract. When ready to freeze, place the freezer on a bench or chair of convenient height. Set with a cork, draw some of the properly adjusted, then turn in the mixture to be frozen. Adjust the lid and cross bar and give the handle a turn or two to be sure all is right. Crush about five or six pounds of ice, and mix with it about two quarts of rock salt. Fill the space in the freezing tub to the top of the can. Turn the crank very slowly at first until the mixture is thoroughly chilled. See that the hole in the top of the can is open and the lower one closed. Now turn the crank quickly and steadily until it turns pretty hard. Remove the cross bar and the lid. Scrape off the dasher and pack the cream neatly at the bottom. Replace the cover, stopping the hole with a piece of carpet or a basket. Let water off by removing the plug from the lower hole, repack with more salt and ice and cover the whole with a piece of carpet or a basket. Let it stand in a cold place for two hours to ripen.

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wind. The perfect fitting of a veil is no mean triumph, as also, or even he who ever makes observations on this point must acknowledge. Last summer French women formed the top edge of their veils into a definite fold, which they placed to stand round the